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FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wendy L. Watanabe", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON THE NEW ROADS SCHOOL PROGRAM
EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW (Board Agenda Item 27, March 24, 2009)**

On March 24, 2009, your Board directed the Auditor-Controller to work jointly with the Chief Probation Officer (Probation) to evaluate the effectiveness of the New Roads School Program (New Roads); and if effective and feasible, provide a plan on replicating the program at other camps throughout the County.

On April 23, 2009, Probation reported to your Board that they planned to review New Roads' compliance with the County contract's program requirements and to complete a comparative study based on statistical data. We planned to use the results of the two reviews to evaluate the effectiveness of New Roads.

Probation recently provided New Roads with the results of their reviews, which we are currently validating. As a result, we are requesting an extension to submit our final report to your Board by July 31, 2009.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Don Chadwick at (213) 253-0301.

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